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GPD Announces New Hires, Promotions

The Garner Police Department is proud to announce a number of recent personnel additions and promotions. Here is a summary:

Cheryl Matter was hired as the department's new crime analyst. Matter was born in Richmond, Va., where she attended Mills Godwin High School. She graduated from Elon College with a bachelor's degree in business administration. For the past 16 years, she has worked in the public safety field in both commercial and government organizations, including in the Henrico County, Va., Police Department and Greensboro Police Department.

Skyler Reeve was sworn in Oct. 1 as the Garner Police Department's newest officer. Reeve was born in Raleigh, where he graduated in 2010 from Wake Christian Academy. He graduated from basic law enforcement training at Wake Tech Community College in June 2013. Reeve began his law enforcement career with the Smithfield Police Department in August 2013 and later joined the Johnston County Sheriff's Office.

Christina Pappas has been promoted to sergeant. Pappas grew up in Massachusetts and is the granddaughter of a Boston police officer. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in English and associate's degree in sociology with a criminal justice focus. In 1995, Pappas transferred to North Carolina with the advertising company she was working for. She decided to follow in her grandfather's footsteps in 1997 and joined the Garner Police Department. Pappas has served the department as a patrol officer, K9 handler, special victims investigator and, most recently, as a platoon leader for B Platoon.

Walt Myer was promoted to lieutenant. Myer graduated from Sanderson High School in Raleigh in 1985. He obtained an associate's degree from Louisburg College and a bachelor's of science from

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East Carolina University in criminal justice/pre-law. He worked with the East Carolina University Police Department from 1991 to 1997, starting as a police telecommunicator and transferring to a sworn position in 1994. Myer began working for the Garner Police Department in 1997 and has worked as a patrol officer, field training officer, crisis negotiator, D.A.R.E officer, middle school school resource officer, high school school resource officer, drugs and vice investigator and patrol sergeant.

Chris Hagwood was promoted to captain. Hagwood attended N.C State for four years, joined the GPD in 1988 and finished his bachelor's degree in political science in 1991. He earned a master's degree in public administration in 2001 from Golden Gate University in one of the earliest online programs available. He was selected as a K9 handler in 1992 and promoted to lieutenant in 1994. Hagwood has served in Patrol, Community Services, CID and Support Services roles prior to this promotion.

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